#### COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20, 1856. Trade of all kinds has been brisk during the past week, and we notice some improvement in sales at auction, which perhaps is the best index of the state of our market. A large sale of clothing takes place to-day at the rooms of A. P. Everett, and again on Tuesday next. M. C. Monsarrat has a large clothing sale on Friday. The improvement in retail trade is also spoken of by several retail merchants.

The number of whale ships in port yesterday was 68, merchant and war vessels 10, coasters 4; making a total of 82 vessels in port, which is probably the largest number we shall have at one time during this season. The number of whalers yet to arrive at the islands cannot be less than about 40, which is less than the number of arrivals last year after this date.

There have been two arrivals of merchant vessels during the past week, Bremen ship Post, with some 400 or 500 tens assorted mdse to Hoffschlager and Stapenhorst, the balance of her cargo being for San Francisco, for which port she will meet with despatch. The Am. brig L. P. Foster, brings a cargo of fumber and spars to Hackfeld & Co. She will sail for San Francisco about the 1st December, and will probably carry a full cargo of island produce. The Frances Palmer is now fully due from San Francisco, and may arrive any moment. She will bring two large malls, those of Sept. 20 and Oct. 5.

We notice a few transactions of the past week BREAD-Sales of medium at 9c; stock of all kinds very lim-

BRICKS-Sales at Auction, 9 M \$14 75.

WOOD-American Oak at Auction, \$11 75 @ \$13 25; stock of island wood in market is very large.

SALT-Considerable demand for export; Sales at \$1 PROVISIONS-We notice no change from our last week's

quotations; stock very scarce. SUGAR AND MOLASSES-Stock not large; sales molasses

at 30 @ 35c; sugar 6 @ 8c. RICE-Sales of 5000 lbs Manila at 4c, which is the market

COFFEE-The new crop comes in very slowly, but is soon expected; sales at 121 to 14c. We notice sales of our island commands, 144c.

MONEY-is scarce and commands for whalers bills 15 per cent-ship chandlers' quotations, though we hear of transactions as low as 13 per cent.

SHINGLES-Stock large, and sales difficult at \$5 25 @ \$5 50. LUMBER-Very little demand just now; stock large.

CHINA MARKETS.

(From Armstrong & Lawrence's Circular.) HONGKONG, August 9th. RICE-Has advanced fully \$1 per picul since our last, the crops in the neighboring districts having been almost wholly destroyed, by the almost unprecedentedly heavy rains that have pre- | Edwards, of Sag Harbor. New York papers please copy. vailed here for the last two months, whilst, at the North the crop has been destroyed by a drought of equal duration. There can be little doubt, therefore, but that the price of this commodity will continue to advance, and, for a time, at least, something like a recurrence of the high prices which prevailed last year

FLOUR-Sale of 500 bags California at \$10, and Gallego and Haxall at \$10 @ 12 per bbl. FREIGHTS -Still lower, and tonnage abundant: To London, £2 10 @ £3 10s for Teas; and £6 @ £7 for Silks. To the Inited States, £11 @ £12 per ton.—S. F. Bulletin, Oct. 22.

LATEST DATES, received at this Office.

Oct. 29 | Paris - Sept. 15 | Hongkong Sydney, N. S. W. 23 June 18 Sept. 10 | Tahiti -July 10

Ships Mails. For San Francisco, per L. P. Foster, Dec. 1. For Lahaina, per Rialto, to-day,

For HILO, per Liholiho, Saturday. For Koxa, Hawaii, per Kekauluohi, Saturday. For Tahiti, per John Howland, Monday next.

### PORT OF HONOLULU, H. I.

ARRIVALS. (For full reports of Whaters arrived, see Shipping List on

Nov. 13-Bre sh Post, Wiegard, 143 ds fm Bremen via Havre,

132 ds, with mdse. to Hoffschlager, & Stapenhorst, 13-Am wh shp Phillip 1st, Sisson, from Ochotsk, 1000 wh, 16,000 bone.

13-Am wh sh Lewis, Allen, fm Och, 2100 wh, 25,000 bn. 13-Am wh ship Roman 2d, Blackmer, from Och, 1800 wh, 14-Am wh sh Warren, Wilcox, fm Och, 800 wh, 12,000 bn.

14-Am wh ship Waverly, West, from Och, 20 sp, 900 wh, 13,000 bone 14-Fr wh sh Jason, Hache, fm Och, 1200 wh, 17,000 bn.

14-Am wh sh Marengo, Skinner, fm Och, 40 sp, 1300 wh,

14-Am wh sh Chandler Price, Holcomb, fm Och, 730 wh, 10,000 bone. 14-Am wh bk Vernon, Gardner, fm Och, 500 wh, 6000 bn. 15-Sch Excei, Antonio, fm Koloa, Kauai

15- " Rialto, Peterson, fm Kawaihae, Hawaii. 15-Am wh sh California, Manchester, 20 sp, 720 wh, 8000

15-Am wh sh Seine, Landre, 200 wh, 3000 bone. 15-Am wh bk Eugene, Pendleton, fm Och, 650 wh, 9000 16-Am wh sh St. George, Dias, fm Och, 680 wh, 7000 bn.

16-Am wh sh Maria Theresa, Davis, fm Ochotsk, 1100 wh,

16-Am wh sh Pocahontas, Butler, fm Och, 520 wh, 4500 b whish Rebecca Sims, Gavitt, fm Och, 700 wh, 10,000

16- " wh bk, United States, Holmes, from Och, 150 wh, 2500 bone.

16-Chilean bk Diana, Armstrong, 31 ds fm Callao, sailed

16-Chil. bk Alienca, Wilson, 31 ds fm Callao, sailed for China on the 18th. 16-Sch Kamehameha, Gulick, with sugar and syrup from

16— "Kamoi, Chadwick, fin Lahaina.
17— "Liholiho, Thurston, fin Hilo via Kawaihae.

17-Am bg L. P. Foster, Moore, 24 ds fm Teckalet, with cargo lumber to Hackfeld & Co. 18- " wh bk Black Warrior, Tibbetts, 70 sp, 100 wh.

19- " wh Splendid, Smith, from Hilo; 400 wh, 4000 bone.

19-Schs Kekauluohi and Alice, both fm Kona, Hawaii. 20-Brig John Dunlap, Candage, from Hanalei

# DEPARTURES.

Nov. 13-Sch Kamoi, Chadwick, and sch E. Maui, both for

Lahaina 13-Sh Kutusoff, Wing, sailed to cruise. 14-Sh Hibernia, Hunnewell, sailed to cruise homeward. 15-Sch Maria, Molteno, for Lahaina, Maui. 17- " Excel and Kamehameha, both for Kauai.

18-Bk Jas. Andrews, Kelly, for Margarita Bay. 18-Fr sh Manche, Lalanne, for Havre. 18-Sch E. L. Frost, Austin, for Cal. Gulf

# MEMORANDA.

REPORT OF SHIPS YET TO ARRIVE. Splendid Smith, 250 sp. South Boston, Randolph, 700 wh. Benjamin Tucker, Barber, 900 wh. Junior, Andrews, 350 wh. S. Draper, Sandford, 150 wh. Natchez, Bellows, 700 wh. Moctezuma, Tinker, 1000 wh. Northern Light, Chapel, 100 wh. Delaware, 1000 wh. Roman, Devol, 650 wh. Olympia, Rian, 1250 wh. Navy, Wood, 450 wh.

The above reports are furnished by the ships Europa, Adeline Gibbs, William Badger and Sheffield.

Ship Champion arrived at Hilo with loss of anchors, ship damaged about the bows. Has obtained an anchor and is

Ship Sheffield's report-Oct. 17th, we passed the Kurrell Islands. Saw three sails to the N W, coming out. Nov. 2, in lat 38 08 N, long 157 26 W, spoke ship Metacomb, Woodbridge, of New Bedford, 700 this season. The last twenty days before leaving Shanta Bay whales had been very scarce, and the weather extremely unfavorable for catching what few there was. Nothing but a succession of gales and snow storms. Several

ships lost anchors and chains during a gale from the 24th to 27th September. As far as heard from, no other damage done. Oct. 15th, lat 52 N, lon 151 30 E, exchanged signals with a bark about 400 tons, showing a red signal with a white W in the center, foremast gone. Had up a jury foremast and topmast. Ran off in company with him during the day, under short sail, (blowing a gale at the time) but lost the run of him during the night. Do not think he was in want of any assistance, as he did not stop. Ship William Badger's report -March 19th, passed over a reef, not laid down on the charts, in lat 16 32 N, lon 143 22 E.

This reef appeared to be about a mile in length, N E and S W. and about a quarter of a mile in width, with six and a half fathoms of water in the shoalest place. Also, two small rocks, thirty miles N E by N of Ousima, one of the Loo Choo Islands. The rocks are about eight feet above water and about one eighth

Capt. Richmond, of ship Franklin, experienced a very heavy gale shortly after leaving the Ochotsk. Lost fore topmast, jib boom, fore and main yard. Capt. Richmond was knocked overboard and somewhat injured, and would have been drowned but for the promptness and courage of one of the officers, who immped overboard and supported the Captain till assistance was received from the ship.

# VESSELS IN PORT .- NOV. 20.

H. B. M. Ship Havannah, Harvey. II. I. M.'s corvettte Embuscade, Gizolme.

Am clipper sh John Gilpin, Ring, leading oil and bone for U.S. Am bk Yankee, Smith, soon for San Francisco. Br. bk Cynthia, for freight or charter.

Am. chipper ship Pampero, Coggins, leading oil. Am. sh Gladiator, Whitfield, leading oil. Am bk Merrimac, Rice. Am bg L. P. Foster, Moore, discharging cargo. Bremen sh Post, Wiegard, WHALERS.

Ships Alice Mandell, Dennis. Speedwell, Gibbs. Ocean, Norton.

Bark George. Delta, Dubay. Charles Carroll.

Montreal, Gray. Arab, Grinnell. Gustav, Gillis. Congress, Stranburg. Magnolia, Cox. John Wells, Besse. Adeline Gibbs, Pomeroy. Cambria, Pease. Pacific, Snell. India, Long.

Omega, Sanborn. Janus, Winslow. Thos Nye, Smith. Abram Barker, Barker. Electra, Brown. George and Mary, Walker, Phenix, Williams. Chas Phelps, Lawton. Wm. Badger, Braley. Barks Martha, Drake. Oscar, Cross.

Ships, Phillip 1st, Sisson. Roman 2nd, Blackmer. Waverly, West. Marengo, Skinner. California, Manchester. Maria Theresa, Davis. Pocahontas, Butler. Splendid, Smith.

#### Ships, Lewis, Allen. Warren, Wilcox. Jason, Hache. Chan. Price, Holcomb. Seine, Landle.

Sch. Pfiel, Schivenbeck.

St. George, Dias.

Rebecca Sims, Gavitt.

Ship Syren Queen, Phillips.
"Black Eagle, Edwards.

Ship John Howland, Taylor.

Montauk, French.

" Henry Kneeland,

Brig Victoria, Corsen.

Brig Hawaii, Cook.

Ship Sarah, Swift.

Lancaster, Carver.

Eliza Adams, Hawes.

Nauticon, Luce.

Fr. sh Pallas, Couppey.

Alice, Penny, Barks, Vernon, Gardner.

Ship Florida, Williams.

" Fabius, Wing.
" Com. Preble, Prentice.

Francis Henrietta, Drew.

Robt. Morrison, Pease.

United States, Holmes.

Black Warrior, Tibbett.

Eugene, Pendleton.

Vessels Expected from Foreign Ports. American clipper bark Frances Palmer, to sail fm S.Francisco bout Nov. 5, due here Nov. 20. Bremen brig Kauai was to sail frm Bremen latter part of Sept. with cargo merchandise to Hoffschlager and Stapenhorst. Am bk Fanny Major, Lawton, to sail from San Francisco ab't

### Coasters in Port.

Am clipper bark Messenger Bird, sailed from Boston, July 21.

Br. bk. Gambia, from London, via Tahiti, sailed April 6.

Sch. Liholiho, soon for Hilo. Rialto, Peterson, soon for Kawaihae. " Kekauluohi, soon for Kona.

#### IMPORTS.

Bremen-Per ship Post-398 csks 675 bxs 374 demijohns 70 les 9 bskts 8 rolls 10 bdls 54 pkgs 1 parcel 3 bxs mdse, sample, 211 shock deals, 2000 gro flag stones, 416,000 bricks, Even "Welch's Menagerie," or "Jarley's Wax coffee in San Francisco at the same figure that the Rio coffee | 148 bbls salt, 5 csks pale ale, 10 cs champagne, 15 cs glassware, sample csk do, 8 bxs hams, 131 demijohns vinegar, 1 bx beverage, 60 cs glass, 10 bbls arrac, 3760 pkgs mdse for San Francisco. FROM HAVRE-507 pkgs 100 bbls 787 cs mdse. 400 sks salt, 50 cs absinthe, 1518 pkgs mdse for San Francisco. TISKALET, W. T .- Per L. P. Foster-72 spars, 9 bbls salmon, 5,637 feet lumber. FROM SEA-Per-Rebecca Simms-828 bbls polar oil.

### DIED

On the 13th inst., at the U. S. Hospital, Mr. J. CALVIN PAINE, 22 years of age. Mr. P. was a native of Bridgehampton, L. I., and a boatsteerer on board the bark "Black Eagle," Capt

#### PLACES OF WORSHIP.

EAMEN'S BETHEL-Rev. S. C. Damon Chaplain-King street, near the Sailors' Home. Preaching on Sundays at 11 A. M. and 71 P. M. Seats free. Sabbath School after

ORT STREET CHURCH-Services at present in the Court House, up stairs-Rev. J. D. Strong, Pastor. Preaching bath School meets at 10 A. M. ETHODIST CHURCH-Nuuanu avenue, corner of Tutui

street-Rev. Wm. S. Turner, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 71 P. M. Seats free. Sabbath School meets at 10 A. M. ING'S CHAPEL-King street, above the Palace-Rev. E. W. Clark Pastor. Pulpit supplied at present by Rev.

every Sunday at 9½ A. M. and 3 P. M. ATHOLIC CHURCH-Fort street, near Beretania-under the charge of Rt. Rev. Bishop Maigret, assisted by Abbe Modeste. Services every Sunday at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. MITH'S CHURCH-Beretania street, near Nuuanu street-Sunday at 10 A. M. and 21 P. M.

#### PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.

ROYAL HAWAIIAN THEATER-Corner of Hotel and Alakea streets-Messrs. Graves & Wilder Managers. Performance, every night in each week.

### PORT OF LAHAINA, MAUI.

ARRIVALS

Nov. 12-Am wh sh Pocahontas, Butler, 520 wh, 4500 bone. 13- " wh sh Three Brothers, Cleveland, 110 sp, 920 wh,

12,000 bone 13- " wh sh Navigator, Fisher, 700 wh, 7000 bone.

13- " wh sh L. C. Richmond, Cochrane, 850 wh, 16,000

14- " wh bk Newton, Sherman, 160 sp, 550 wh, 7000 bn 14- " wh sh Trident, Taber, 600 wh, 7500 bone. 14- " wh sh Europa, Pease, 780 wh, 1100 bone. 15— " wh sh Gen. Williams, Miller, 1450 wh, 17,000 bone.

15- " wh sh Montezuma, Forsyth, 800 wh, 10,000 bone. 15- " wh sh Ohio, Barrett, 1000 wh, 10,000 bone 15- " wh ship Eliza F. Mason, Jernigan, 1100 wh, 18,000 17- " wh sh Ontario, Tooker, 30 sp, 1400 wh, 20,000 bn.

17- " wh bk Dartmouth, Heath, 200 wh. 2000 bone. 17- " wh sh Manuel Ortez, Heustis, 500 wh, 5000 bone 17- " wh bk Prudent, Hamilton, 800 wh, 13,000 bone.

# DEPARTURES.

Nov. 13-Bk Welga, Crowell, to cruise. 13-Sh Ocmulgee, West, to cruise and home 13- " Good Return, Wing, to cruise. 13- " Columbia, Folger, for Japan and Line. 13- " Corinthian, Russell, for Honolulu 14- " Menkar, Bloomfield to cruise 14- " California, Manchester, for Honolulu. 17- " Rosseau, Pope, to cruise and home. 17- " Liverpool, Barker, to cruise and home.

#### 17- " Petrel, Tucker, to cruise and home PORT OF HILO, HAWAII.

ARRIVALS. Nov. 12.—Ship Euphrates, of New Bedford, Killmer, 1300 bbls oil, 18,000 bone. 12.-Ship Metacom, of New Bedford, Woodbridge, 700

bbls, 8000 lbs bone 12.-Ship Champion, of New Bedford, Gray, 1000 bbls, 12.-Ship Sheffield Green, 1000 bbls, 11,500 lbs bone.

12.—Bark Canton Packet, of New Bedford, Borden, 1900 bbls, 12,000 lbs bone. 14.—Bark Harvest, Spencer, 1000 bbls, 12,000 lbs bone.

DISCOVERIES OF THE AGE .- Some of the most wonderful results of human intellect have been witnessed in the last fifty years. It is remarkable how the mind of the world has run into scientific investigation, and what achievements it has effected in that short period. Fulton launched the first steamboat in 1807, now there are 3,000 steamboats traversing the waters of America only.

In 1825 the first railroad was put in operation in

world. In the United States alone there are now 8,797 miles of railroad, costing \$286,000,000 to build, and about 22,000 miles of railroad in England and

"The electric telegraph had its beginning in 1843. "The electro-magnet was discovered in 1821; and lectrotyping is a still later invention. "Hoe's printing press, capable of printing 10,000

opies an hour, is a very recent discovery. "Gas light was unknown in 1800; now every city and town of any pretence is lighted with it, and we have the announcement of a still greater discovery, by which light, heat, motive power, may all be pro duced from water, with scarcely any cost.

"Daguerre communicated to the world his beautiful invention in 1839. "Gun cotton and chloroform are discoveries but a few years old. "Astronomy has added a number of new planets

to the solar system. What will the next half century accomplish? We may look for still greater discoveries; for the intellect of man is awake, exploring every mine of knowledge, and searching for useful information in every department of art and industry."

Motive.—Holy intention is to the actions of a man that which the soul is to the body, or form to its matter, or the root to the tree, or the sun to the world, for without these, the body is a dead trunk, the matter is sluggish, the tree is a block, the world is darkness, the river is quickly dry, the pillar rushes into flatness and a ruin ; and the action is sinful, or unprofitable and vain. The poor farmer that gave a a golden goblet, and he that gives the same to a disciple in the name of a disciple, shall have a crown; but if he gives water in despite, when the disciple needs wine or a cordial, his reward will be to want

that water to cool his tongue .- Jeremy Taylor. It is usually seen, that the wiser men are about the things of this world, the less wise they are about the things of the next. - Gibson.

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### THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20. THE character and tastes of a community may in general be judged of by the nature of its amusements. In places where the ordinary means of recreation are accessible to all, the standard is a just one. But such a test applied to the society of Honolulu, would be obviously incorrect. It would be unjust to judge of our tastes wholly, by the character of our amusements, because in our isolated position we are not able to choose for ourselves. The thousand and one resources of rational and elevating amusements which are within the reach of other communities are denied to us. We are beyond the "beat" of those talented and literary men who, by their able lectures and essays, delight and instruct the residents of more favored locations. We are deprived of the pleasure of listening to celebrated orators, singers and performers; of visiting collections of paintings and sculpture. Works" has never crossed the ocean for our benefit. It is true we have been honored by a visit from "Yankee Sullivan" with his exhibitions of the "noble art of self defence." We did have a circus too but the hotel keepers petitioned the Legislature against a renewal of their license, it being considered an injury to the prosperity of the place, as sailors spent the money in visits to the circus which would otherwise have been invested in bad grog and worse dance houses; and so the circus company, fearing perhaps that the prayer of the petitioners would be granted,

has not returned. We have too good an opinion of our community however, to believe that it should be judged lacking | ise many of our little parties was scattered to the in the desire to enjoy, or the taste to appreciate the more rational sources of amusement merely because on Sundays at 11 A. M. and 71 P. M. Seats free. Sab- of our inability to procure them. As justly might we be charged with an invincible repugnance to green peas, fresh oysters, peaches, or ice cream. The full attendance generally found at the few lectures or addresses that are delivered here, even upon subjects Messrs. Armstrong and Bishop. Services, in Hawaiian of but little general interest, and the furor created by the accidental visit of Kate Hays, are evidences that we do not lack the desire for more intellectual entertainments than those of our ordinary life. Would Rev. Lowell Smith Pastor. Services, in Hawaiian, every that our residents had more frequent opportunities of gratifying their tastes in this respect.

> But that we do not endeavor to the best of our abilities to provide agreeable and innocent amusements, that shall be attractive to the young, is perhaps, charge to which we must plead guilty. We are too little apt to consider that young people must and should have amusements, and that it is our duty to for the present. see that they are provided with them, and that if we do not render the home circle and its pleasures attractive, the young men at least, will seek for pleasures elsewhere. What are now our chief sources of social recreation and amusement? Are they as various and attractive as they might be? We think not. The meetings of the different benevolent societies as at present conducted, can hardly be classed under this head, though they might easily be rendered such There are a few private social parties, where an evening may occasionally be spent in agreeable and harmless recreation. In these days of large public dancing parties however, these smaller, but infinitely more agreeable reunions, are but of infrequent occurrence. It would be much better if we had more of them, and fewer grand miscellaneous balls, where crowded and heated rooms, late suppers, and later hours, render the penalty at least equivalent to the enjoyment.

But is dancing the only means of amusement within the reach of our young men and ladies? Many persons find no pleasure in this species of exercise, and a large and most estimable class of our society, are, from religious training and education opposed to dancing. They have been taught from infancy to look on it as an immoral amusement in itself, unworthy of a Christian, and upon those who practice it as un fit associates. And though there are some of the class who believe there is no impropriety in dancing, viewed as a recreation, and who would gladly partic ipate in so agreeable an amusement, yet force of habit or fear of giving offence, prevents them from over stepping the conventional line. And at any social gathering where the young of both sexes are met, if a dance is proposed to enliven the monotony of the occasion, it is the signal for this class to rise at once shake the dust from off their feet and depart from the contaminating sight of this so-called sinful pleasure. Hence well-bred persons will decline to propose at their parties, an amusement which they know to be "In 1800 there was not a single railroad in the offensive to a large and worthy portion of their guests, and as this portion do not usually assist with much zeal in the effort to substitute other less objectionable means of entertainment, the natural consequence is that these parties, whether meetings of sewing circles or private gatherings, are voted intolerable bores, and those gentlemen who are compelled by a sense of duty, or by positive instructions from the petticoat powers, to attend, with a few courageous exceptions, congregate on the verandahs; and while the ladies within talk collars and hooped skirts, their husbands or beaux settle the matter of the weather, and having talked over the rate of Whaler's Exchange, and the price of putty, sit and smoke in moody silence, till the welcome orders are received to "get under weigh."

The natural result is, that many of our young men for whom these lively "reunions" have no attractions, and who have few or no resources within themselves, seek amusement in scenes and places unworthy of them, but for which, alas! they only too soon render themselves completely worthy. The article over the signature of "Hulahula" in our last issue, though the keen edge of its quiet sarcasm would be or the fountain to a river, or the base to a pillar; hardly noticed by the casual reader, has attracted public attention to the vile character and tendency of some of these scenes, and recalls to the thoughtless frequenter of them, a consideration of the enormity of the wrong he is doing to himself and to society. dish of cold water to Artaxerxes was rewarded with It is hardly credible that such things are for a moment suffered to exist in Honolulu. That persons such vile expedients for the sake of pecuniary gain; or that persons who from their education, wealth, position or abilities, ought to lead the public sentiment, and give tone and character to our society, The injunction of secrecy having been removed we should so far forget their self respect, or the claims | think it will be evident to you, upon examination of 22 years, of New York City.

of society, as to patronise and countenance such out- the facts and documents now in our possession, that rages upon public morality and decency, as the scenes to which "Hulahula" alludes. When such amusements are sought by men to whom their own family ties and associations are powerless for restraint, it is time for every father, husband and brother to rouse himself and endeavor to protect those dear to him from the contaminating presence of those whose moral sentiment is so far destroyed by the influence of such unhallowed and polluting scenes. If persons are to be tolerated in society who frequent such scenes, we shall soon cease to wonder at the effrontery with which on a recent public occasion, known prostitutes or cast off mistresses, who by some chance had obtained admission, though we are informed that no tickets had been issued to them by the managers, were selected as partners by young men who would indignantly resent any imputation on their own respectability, and who danced with them under the very eyes of virtuous ladies, who perhaps had been their predecessors in the dance with these misguided

But such things must not be tolerated. Every virtuous heart in this community should rise at once and rebuke this foul stain, this damning blot on our society. We have been too long indifferent to the progress of this evil, and now it is brought home to our very doors. On the ladies themselves much of thi responsibility rests, of correcting this evil, and with them too, the power to furnish to our young men innocent and attractive sources of amusement, that may save some who have already strayed from the path of virtuous enjoyment, and will do much to prevent others from feeling any desire to seek those impure pleasures. To do this it is not necessary to violate any religious scruples, though a little more charity towards the liberal views of those who are known to be pure and high principled and who have bee educated with such views, would not be amiss. We respect the religious scruples of all classes, even though some may deem them prejudices, and would not desire to see any means of amusement introduced at our sewing circles or other social gatherings that would offend those scruples. But we can and must endeavor to render the social circle more attractive to our young men. If it is not proper to introduce dancing, introduce some other species of entertainment. The young are easily amused, and if the wretched formality and stiffness which now characterwinds, enjoyment would naturally follow.

It may be considered by some to be out of our province, as public journalists, to comment on the character of our social amusements, but we believe it to be the strict duty of the press to endeavor to correct abuses when they become public, whether re lating to individuals or to the public welfare. We do not enter into the discussion of abstract questions of morals, nor do we seek to drag the immoralities of our neighbors into light; but if they so far forget what is due to themselves and to the community, as to protrude their immoralities in public, and outrage common propriety and decency, we have no course left us but to comment thereon with that freedom which the public good demands. We bave received several communications on this same subject, showing the excited feeling of the community in the matter, but the length of our remarks must exclude them

We are not anxious to have the "last word to say in a controversy which can add no laurels to the official gentlemen who have unfortunately been most prominent in it, but the frank and honest statement of facts in the last Polynesian, appears to establish the following points:

1st. That the article in the Polynesian of Nov. 8 is official-i. e. the sentiment of the Ministry and Privy Council, there being no correction or refutation of that statement.

2d. It is conceded that our statements relating to the contents of the Polynesian of Aug. 30, are entirely incorrect, the paper examined proves to have been that of Sept. 6. We make the correction with pleasure, and concede that the "color of the man in the moon" is definitely settled.

3d. The proofs brought forward in the Polynesian of Nov. 15, establish as a fact what before was only common report, that Mr. Wyllie while acting as H H. M.'s Minister of Foreign Relations has for the last 12 or 18 months acted also as consignee or agent for a large invoice of spirituous liquors, generally supposed to amount to \$15,000 or 18,000.

4th. That the above invoice of liquors on its arrival might have been turned over to the Agent of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Co., or any other of our responsible liquor merchants.

5th. That Mr. Wyllie is "the kindest friend' that the Royal Hotel or its proprietor " has ever had on earth"-a point that nobody has ever disputed or had the slightest doubts about, and "strangers who have led a mercantile life will see through the thing at a glance."

6th. The Polynesian is requested to state whether the honorable Minister has been holding the above invoice of liquors with or without a license; if with a how honest liquor importers can be expected to compete under the circumstances.

7th. To state also, to what extent it is allowable for His Majesty's Ministers to become consignees or

P. S. Since writing the above, we have been Gregg, Dr. Lathrop, U. S. Consul, and others. favored with the following very courteous note, informing us that His Excellency's ire has again been stirred up, and that another casus belli has been discovered. Our neighbor of the Polynesian need not be deterred however from answering the above queries, unless he has "orders" to the contrary, as we guarantee he shall not be damaged thereby. We give the correspondence in full, as the latest intelligence from the Seat of War.

Honolulu, Nov. 17, 1856. H. M. WHITNEY, Esq.,-SIR :- You may remember that some time since a correspondence took place between Hon. R. C. Wyllie and yourself relative to an article published by you in the Advertiser of Aug. 14, which, as he conceives, contained imputations on his character and conduct. Deeming himself highly aggrieved, he applied to you to retract the charges, and upon your failure to do so employed us to take legal steps to vindicate his reputation. He was, however, and still is unwilling that any legal controversy should result from what has occurred if it

can be fairly and honorably avoided. It having been suggested that on the return of His Majesty the injunction of secrecy which attaches to the preceedings of the Privy Council might be removed, and the facts regarding the license of Mr. Maxey made public, all proceedings of a hostile nature were deferred, in the hope that you might become convinced that you have acted unjustly towards Mr. Wyllie, and might retract the accusations made against him. Since the original publication comclaiming respectability in society, could descend to plained of, you have taken occasion to insinuate through the columns of the Advertiser, that Mr. Wyllie was interested in obtaining a license for the "Royal Hotel," and that he was governed in his action as Privy Councillor by motives of self-interest.

your attacks upon Mr. Wyllie are wholly unwarranted by the truth, and that we shall be able to satisfy you that he never had any interest in the Royal Hotel, or in the business of Mr. Maxey. In the hope that this communication may lead to an acknowledgement of the errors into which you have fallen and an amicable adjustment of the unpleasant differences recently existing between Mr. Wyllie and We remain, &c., yourself.

ALEX. CAMPBELL. P. C. DUCORRON.

HONOLULU, Nov. 18, 1856. LEX. CAMPBELL AND P. C. DUCORRON, ESQUIRES. GENTLEMEN :- Your note of yesterday's date was this morning received. When I have asserted through the Commercial Advertiser, or otherwise that Mr. Wyllie "had any interest in the Royal Hotel or in the business of Mr. Maxey," it will be ample time for me to consider the propriety of exam. ining any documents which you may have in your possession, bearing on that point

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen, your ob't sevt., H. M. WHITNEY.

#### NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The annual meeting of the Sailor's Home Society was held on Monday evening last at the Bethel. The house was densely crowded. The Hon. W. L. Lee presided. The report of the President giving the transactions of the Society for the year past was read. after which was read the report of the Treasurer, which: showed the receipts during the year to have been \$4,670 21, the expenditures \$6,359, leaving a debt of \$1,714 38 on the society. The president announced at the meeting that His Majesty had pledged another hundred dollars to the institution, which announcement was received with great applause. The Hon. David L. Gregg, U. S. Commissioner, next addressed the meeting, in one of those happy speeches characteristic of him, in which he alluded to the great benefits which are found to result from Homes, both in England and the continent, and showed pretty clearly how Jack is everywhere, but especially in Honolula. considered a fit subject for fleecing. We regret that we have not the space to give a report of his address. Several other gentlemen spoke, and a degree of good feeling and humor was exhibited, rarely shown except when sailors and landsmen get to expressing their ideas together, as on this occasion.

DEFALCATION .- The sudden departure of the superintendent of public schools for Hawaii on Thursday last, was caused, we learn, by intelligence that Ex-Governor Kapeau, is reported a defaulter, while acting as school treasurer. This is owing in part perhaps to the very convenient mode followed on that island, of allowing taxes to be placed for safe keeping in the hands of school trustees, instead of sending them to the Government sub-Treasury in Honolulu. It is not long ago that Mr. Kapeau was charged with a defalcation of road-funds to the extent of \$500. How that was smoothed over, we have never heard. If Mr. Kapeau is a public defaulter, make an example of him. Leniency with official delinquents sometimes may produce good results, but repetition of gross frauds, can not be excused. Let the government act promptly in the matter.

R. H. THEATER.—During the past week novelties in great variety have been presented at this house by the managers. To-night Miss Louise Graves presents herself for her first benefit this season. No higher compliment could be given to her than the fellowing extract from the Sierra Citizen, where she first made her public appearance:

"Louise Graves .- We have often spoken of this young lady as an artiste of extraordinary merit, and the applause of the audience the other night quite justifies our opinion. Her first appearance, of any note, was here-a little girl, coming tremblingly on the stage, with the imprint of genius on her face, and nobly has she fulfilled the promise of that time. Well done, Louise! The world is all full of sunshine for

U. S. POSTAL ADVERTISING AGENCY .- By reference to our advertising columns, our readers will see that a new system has been introduced into the U. S Post-office department, by which letters for California Oregon, and we suppose the Sandwich Islands also, can on the payment of 3 cts each, be advertised. This system will no doubt prove of use, to those who are cruising about the Pacific, especially to seaman on whalers. The list will probably be sent to the Post office in Honolulu, whenever letters are advertised in it for this Kingdom.

On our first page will be found an account of the Chinese Festival on the 13th inst. Also ships advertised for foreign ports. The Whalemen's Ship List on our 4th page, now reports over 200 whalers which we have endeavored to make correct, but if our whaling friends detect errors, we will thank them to notify us. Among so many figures, errors can easily creep in. On the fifth and sixth pages will be found a variety of foreign and miscellaneous news.

A FIRE occurred yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, consuming a small native house, beyond license, the date of its issue ; if without a license, Smith's Church. Engine No. 1 arrived first on the ground, but we understand that No. 2 has the credit of throwing the first water on the fire. A meeting of the American Club was held last

> evening at the Club rooms. The attendance was large, and the meeting was addressed by Hon. D. L.

THE WEATHER, for the last few days, has been dull

and gloomy, and we judge a long and heavy Kona is Captains of whale ships who have furnished as with reports, will accept our thanks for these

out our ship news. Mereors-have been quite frequent during this month. We noticed one a few evenings since which had a tail some eight or ten degrees in length, and

favors. They have aided us very much in making

lighted the atmosphere nearly as bright as a full A REINDEER .- A fine specimen of this animal was brought from the Ochotsk by the bark Vernon, and is the property of Capt. Makee. Its horns are some

ten or twelve inches long and covered with hair. ERRATUM .- In one of the paragraphs of the communication from the Lahaina merchants, published last week, our types made them state the opposite of what the copy says. It should read: "As to our "Resident agents," we have none among us," &c.

KILLED BY A SHARK .- A boat steerer of the ship Navigator was, while swimming by the ship yesterday, seized by a large shark. He escaped once from the monster of the deep, but was again caught and taken down. His name was Cornelius Coughlen, aged